**The ASPIRE League Partnership Seed Fund**

**Application Form (7th Round) 2025**

**University 1:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Investigator:**

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| Name | **\*** (Dr/Prof): |
| Position |  |
| Department/Faculty/School |  |
| Email and contact phone no. |  |
| Other faculty involved (name & position) |  |
| Support letter required from university**#** | **\***YES / NO |

**University 2:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Lead Collaborator:**

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| Name | **\*** (Dr/Prof): |
| Position |  |
| Department/Faculty/School |  |
| Email and contact phone no. |  |
| Other faculty involved (name & position) |  |
| Support letter required from university**#** | **\***YES / NO |

**University 3: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Lead Collaborator:**

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| Name | **\*** (Dr/Prof): |
| Position |  |
| Department/Faculty/School |  |
| Email and contact phone no. |  |
| Other faculty involved (name & position) |  |
| Support letter required from university**#** | **\***YES / NO |

**University 4:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Lead Collaborator:**

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| Name | **\*** (Dr/Prof): |
| Position |  |
| Department/Faculty/School |  |
| Email and contact phone no. |  |
| Other faculty involved (name & position) |  |
| Support letter required from university**#** | **\***YES / NO |

**University 5: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Lead Collaborator:**

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| Name | **\*** (Dr/Prof): |
| Position |  |
| Department/Faculty/School |  |
| Email and contact phone no. |  |
| Other faculty involved (name & position) |  |
| Support letter required from university**#** | **\***YES / NO |

\*Delete as appropriate.

**#** Universities requiring a support letter: KAIST, NTU and HKUST.

Universities NOT requiring a support letter: Science Tokyo and Tsinghua.

**Research Proposal**

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| Q1. Title of Research Project (Maximum 10 words) |
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| Q2. Project Summary (Maximum 300 words). Please provide details of your proposed research project including its objectives, potential impact, past and existing work relevant to this project by you, your team, or with your collaborator(s), and how the project would be developed into a long-term collaboration plan between the universities. |
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| Q3. Please indicate if this project proposal is in support of a new or existing collaboration. If it is an existing collaboration, please provide more background information. |
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| Q4. Please give details of the project timeline and activities to be undertaken. |
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| Q5. Proposed Timeframe |
| Project Start Date (DD/MM/YY): / /  *(Note: Application results are expected by the end of August 2025.)*  Project Completion Date (DD/MM/YY): / / |
| Q6. Expected Outputs (Maximum 300 words). Please provide information on the expected outputs from this project. **Joint results** are expected, for example, anticipated joint publications, international conference presentations, or joint applications for external funds. |
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**Budget Plan: Breakdown of Cost Charged to Each University**

**University 1:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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|  | Item(s) | Amount  (HKD / SGD / JPY/ KRW / RMB) |
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|  | Total Funding from University 1 |  |

**University 2:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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|  | Item(s) | Amount  (HKD / SGD / JPY/ KRW / RMB) |
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| 3 |  |  |
|  | Total Funding from University 2 |  |

**University 3:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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|  | Item(s) | Amount  (HKD / SGD / JPY/ KRW / RMB) |
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|  | Total Funding from University 3 |  |

**University 4:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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|  | Item(s) | Amount  (HKD / SGD / JPY/ KRW / RMB) |
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|  | Total Funding from University 4 |  |

**University 5:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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|  | Item(s) | Amount  (HKD / SGD / JPY/ KRW / RMB) |
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|  | Total Funding from University 5 |  |

**Supporting Documents**

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| Please attach the following supporting documents. |
| 1. CVs of PI and Lead Collaborator(s) of all partner universities with selected list of publications 2. Support letter from Head of Department / School (if required by the applicant’s university) |

**Declaration & Approval**

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| We declare that the statements made and information given in this application are, to the best of our knowledge, true, complete, and correct. We have read and fully understand the 'Guidelines for Applicants.' We understand that the personal data provided in this form will be used by the relevant committees and authorized personnel responsible for handling applications for the award.  Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (Principal Investigator) |

Submitted by: Signature: Date:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Principal Investigator)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

University: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Notes for Applicants**

1: Eligibility: full-time academic staff from all disciplines are welcome to apply.

2: In the spirit of the Seed Fund, each proposal should try to engage as many participating universities as possible; the minimum is two for an application to be considered.

4: All fields must be filled.

5: The application should be submitted by the PI, in one PDF file to [**aspireseedfd@ust.hk**](mailto:aspireseedfd@ust.hk) by **May 11, 2025 (Sunday)**.